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IT WAS A GREAT ONE.

The Annual Meeting of the Holt County Teachers—Big Quartette of Educators.

The third annual meeting of the Teachers' of Holt county was held Thursday, Friday and Saturday of last week in the auditorium of the High school. There was the largest attendance of teachers that has ever attended a teachers' meeting in the county—about 100 teachers being present. The teachers seemed to be enthusiastic and thoroughly alive to the work.

Dr. Condra, of the University of Nebraska, is one of the most energetic and enthusiastic of men. The teachers will remember his work most pleasantly. His work dealt largely on agriculture, nature study and geography. No teacher can fail to carry away great benefits derived from his work. The field excursion made Friday afternoon was highly beneficial and interesting.

Dr. Condra, of the University of Missouri, is an educator of high rank and thoroughly cognizant of the work in Missouri schools. He dealt with mistakes he had seen in school work in Missouri, and also various phases of work which determine proper methods of teaching. He is an interesting speaker and gave many valuable suggestions to the teachers.

Prof. J. D. Wilson, of the State Normal school at Kirksville, who is everywhere recognized as one of the best teachers in the state, gave some excellent suggestions to teachers, and also made an earnest plea for county supervision of schools. Prof. Wilson made many friends among the teachers.

One of the greatest features of the whole meeting was the address of Supt. Greenwood, of the Kansas City Public schools, Friday evening. No man in the state or in fact anywhere, is more familiar with every phase of school work than he. Industrial Education was his subject. No one heard him without receiving a great inspiration to do greater work than ever before.

Supt. Gallaher discussed "School Organization and Management." He gave many important suggestions to teachers, which, if they will carefully follow, will be of great service to them in their work.

Mrs. Alberta C. Green gave some practical number work with a class of children. She showed how easy number work can be made for children if only properly presented by the teacher. "The Teachers' Preparation" was presented by Prof. Reavis and discussed by Miss Cora Noellech, Miss May D. King and Lewis Brown. These teachers are three of the best rural teachers in the county, and they presented many excellent ideas for teaching the subject in our schools. "School Work Which is Sometimes

Neglected By Our Teachers" was taken up by Prof. Williams, Prof. Coffman, Miss Elizabeth Jones and Miss Lulu E. Bertram. They handled this subject in a very interesting manner. If teachers will only follow out their suggestions, much better work will be accomplished. Judge H. T. Alkire presented in a very interesting manner, "The Qualities Which Are Considered in Selecting Teachers." He urged the teachers to be careful, painstaking and thoroughly progressive.

"The School Board and the Teacher" was presented by W. E. Johnson. Mr. Johnson's treatment of the subject was one of the most interesting of the whole meeting. He dealt with school boards mathematically, and finally concluded that he was unable to locate them.

County School Commissioner, A. R. Coburn, spoke on the "Educational Work in Holt County." He urged the teachers to be more active and alert and leave nothing undone in building up the educational interests of Holt county. Teachers will undoubtedly find that the Classification Record books which he is forwarding to every rural district of the county, will be of great benefit to our schools.

The reception given by the citizens of Oregon to the teachers, Thursday evening, was a very pleasant and agreeable affair. The reception was preceded by a lecture by Dr. Condra on "The Opening of Indian Territory." This lecture was replete with information concerning this great southwestern country.

The following resolutions were adopted by the teachers:

First—That we express our appreciation to County School Commissioner A. R. Coburn, for securing such efficient lecturers and instructors for our institute work as Supt. J. M. Greenwood, Dr. J. H. Condra, Dr. G. E. Condra and Prof. J. D. Wilson.

Second—That we endorse the state law on compulsory education and recommend its enforcement.

Third—That the teachers of Holt county pledge themselves to prompt, vigorous and thoroughly organized effort to secure close and competent supervision for all the schools of the county.

Fourth—That we endorse the excellent selection of text books recommended by the County Board of Education; and that we urge district school boards not to neglect obeying the law requiring the purchase of library books from the list selected by the State Library Board.

Fifth—That the teachers of Holt county express to the Board of Education and citizens of Oregon their appreciation for the courtesies shown them.

S. M. HAAS,
MAY D. KING, } Com.
W. P. SCHULTZ,

—Thomas Fitzmaurice, aged 80 years, and an early settler of Holt county, died at his home near Mound City, Tuesday of last week, November 14, 1905, and his remains were laid to rest in the Forest City cemetery the following Thursday, funeral services being conducted from the Catholic church in that city, by Father Hurley. He was born in Ireland, December 12, 1826, and came to this country in 1855. He was a civil war veteran. He was married to Ellen Soden, in St. Joseph, in 1862, who with three daughters, four sons and one brother, Patrick Fitzmaurice, of Forest City, survive.

PROBATE COURT MATTERS.

Judge Alkire Disposes of Much Probate Business.

The business in the probate court is on the increase, and last week Judge Alkire was utterly unable to dispose of all cases docketed for the term, and continued some cases over for disposition during the present week.

During vacation the court disposed of the following acts, which were confirmed during the week:

The household effects of Pearl N. Colwell were ordered to be turned over to the widow, Cora D. Colwell, who had also been named as guardian of the minor children; the sum of \$200 was ordered appropriated for the widow's support for 12 months; and \$400 was ordered appropriated from the estate for her benefit. The administrator filed inventory and appraisal of the estate. Mrs. Colwell, as guardian, filed her bond in the sum of \$2,000. Quarantine rights were guaranteed to widow until dower is assigned.

The sale bill in the Sam C. Henning estate was approved.

The appointment of Sadie Nixon as administratrix of the Alex Nixon estate and approval of bond for \$1,200.

Caroline and Andy Haer, executors of the George Haer estate, were ordered to take out letters testamentary for the presentation of the Eli McCrady's demand.

The sale bill in the estate of Mathew Brady was approved. The household goods and \$200 for year's provisions, and \$400 statutory provision was ordered to be turned over to the widow of the deceased.

John W. Comer, on application, was named as curator of Henry Comer, deceased estate, and bond was fixed at \$5,000; citation returned from Henry court. Motion was filed to set aside the appointment, and contest is pending in the court.

The probating of the will of Sarah McQuiston and the naming of J. W. Newby as administrator. The ordering of the renting of the real estate; and the order for the sale of the household goods; approving the inventory and the appraisal of the estate.

Confirming the probating of the will of E. A. Brown, and the appointment of Frank Walker and Geo. W. Pointer as executors. Confirming the order to sell 200 head of fat cattle and 5,000 bushels of wheat, and to employ the necessary labor to look after the 1905 crops; insurance of buildings; and to look after in general for the welfare of the estate; the approval of the inventory and appraisal of the estate; and to look into trial of the assessment of the collateral inheritance tax, set for hearing for December 4th.

The appointment of J. F. Bridgeman, as guardian of Jennie Bean, a minor, of whom E. A. Brown was guardian, and approval of bond for \$250; and the executor's settlement showing a balance due the ward of \$115.90.

Probating the will of Peter Riley and the appointing of Lincoln A. Hunt as executor.

Probating the will of George W. Hoge and naming his wife as executrix. The appointment of Leroy Shotts as administrator of the Louis Shotts estate, and approval of bond for \$6,000; and the inventory and appraisal as filed; and the order for selling 50 fat hogs.

In admitting to probate the will of Bethena Heister and the naming of Elias Heister as executor.

Approving the inventory and appraisal in the Mary Becker estate.

A VanBuskirk, as executor of the D. A. Baker estate, made his final settlement, showing a balance due the estate of \$38.79, which was ordered distributed equally to Carrie McAfee, Eliza and Ava Baker—\$12.93 each. Note of G. W. Bern, belonging to the estate, was adjudged insolvent. The executor was discharged.

Hannah B. Judy, as administratrix of the John H. Judy estate, filed final settlement, showing a balance of \$1,044.96 in her hands, which was ordered distributed to Mollie Dearmont, Dora Lester and Pearl Judy, each \$344; and to Hannah B. Judy, \$639.66, balance due her above the \$400 heretofore received by her. Final receipt was filed and administratrix was discharged.

M. D. Walker, public administrator, filed final settlement as guardian of Thomas Ward; balance due was found to be \$104.45, and the ward having become of age, the amount was turned over to the ward, and the guardian discharged. He was ordered to sell the real estate in Forest City belonging to the J. S. Roberts estate for the purpose of payment of debts. The estate of Julia and Bryant Vining, consisting of real estate in Oregon, was ordered into his hands. His 5th annual settlement in the Wm. Burgess estate showed a

balance of \$195.22 in his hands. His 4th annual settlement in the Blevins heirs estate, showed a balance of \$1,902.98 in his hands. Unless interest was paid by January 1st, 1906, he was ordered to foreclose lien for \$600 on property of Mrs. Sarah Wickham. His 6th annual settlement as guardian of Wm. and Henry Hauswirth, showed \$98.19 as still in his hands. His first settlement as guardian of the Kinney heirs was continued to the November, 1906, term. As guardian of Mary Reel his 6th annual settlement showed a balance of \$443.79 in his hands. His settlement as guardian of John Brodbeck, showed \$1,944.11 still in his hands, and \$250 was ordered appropriated for support of his ward. His settlement as administrator of the estate of Louisa Taylor, showed a balance of \$35.11 in his hands; he was ordered to sell the real estate in Oregon belonging to the estate for the purpose of meeting estate's liabilities.

Albion Hersheer, guardian of B. B. Webster, made his final settlement, and the ward having arrived at her majority, he was ordered to turn over to her the balance of \$188.14 in his hands; final receipt was filed and the guardian was discharged.

The final settlement in the John Rhodes estate was filed by the administrator, Charles Rhodes, showing balance of \$174.80, which was ordered paid over to Charles Rhodes, as only heir, and final receipt was filed.

Elias Roberts, guardian of Fannie Roberts, filed final settlement; balance due ward, \$429.98; ordered paid over to ward and final receipt filed.

Jonas C. Whitmer, in charge of the S. H. Whitmer estate, was ordered to sell real estate in Oregon, for the purpose of meeting estate's liabilities.

John W. Stroud as guardian of Nora Butrick, filed his 5th annual settlement, showing a balance of \$304.45 in his hands.

Minnie Geil, in charge of Adam Geil estate, husband, made final settlement, showing no funds in her hands and she was discharged.

Prince L. Trapp made his 4th annual settlements as guardian of Demas and Helen Wyman; balance due former, \$2,216.19; balance due the latter, \$2,222.30. \$300 for each was appropriated for education and support of his wards.

W. E. Stubbs, in charge of the Christ Schultz estate, was ordered to sell real estate in order to meet demands against the estate.

Mrs. Ida Black, as guardian of Pansy, Opal, Prince and Roxy Black, minors, filed inventory and 1st annual settlement was set for November, 1906, term.

Dan Fuhrman, guardian of Florence and Edna Fuhrman, made his 6th settlement, showing balance due Florence of \$277.86; due Edna, \$284.73.

W. E. Smith, guardian of Harry Smith, filed his 5th settlement; due ward, \$1,378.71. \$40 was appropriated for ward for clothing and school books.

John Foster, as guardian of George Foster, a minor, made his 4th settlement, balance due his ward, \$106.27.

Joseph Hatfield, guardian of Agnes and Paul Hatfield, minors, made his 4th settlement, showing a balance due each of his wards of \$316.70.

Mrs. Kate Kearney, as guardian of Hazel and Harold Kearney, minors, made her 3rd annual settlement; balance due her wards, \$4,373.44. The sum of \$200 was appropriated for benefit of both wards for educational purposes.

Mrs. Ida Black, administratrix of Palmer Black estate, made her 1st settlement, showing a balance of \$43.21 as due the estate.

M. C. Brumbaugh, guardian of Roy Haessinger, filed his inventory.

Louise Cook, in charge of the Emmett Cook estate, filed settlement, showing a balance of \$642 in her hands.

W. H. Jackson, guardian of Virgil Jackson, an insane person, made 2nd annual settlement; balance shown to be in his hands, \$1,038.88.

August Heine, administrator of estate of Fred Heine, made 1st annual settlement, showing balance in his hands, \$2,243.50; \$100 was ordered paid to widow for her support and \$400 for statutory rights; \$300 each was ordered distributed to the following heirs: Sophia Ohlensalee, Fritz, Minnie and August Heine.

Dell Austin, as guardian of George W. Thayer, made 1st settlement, showing balance in his hands of \$568.38. His settlement as administrator of A. E. Austin was continued to December 14. The following demands were allowed:

F. K. Allen Mer. Co.	154	55
Dr. M. S. Gray vs.	44	25
S. W. Aiken vs. Louisa Taylor	50	00
W. B. Davis vs. Chas. W. Pierce	50	00
Dr. E. Kaltenbach vs. Mary E. Porter	54	00
W. S. Thomson vs.	58	10
Dr. J. M. Davis vs.	6	00
J. F. Bridgeman vs. E. A. Brown	115	39
M. B. Moore vs. Thos. B. Moore	99	36
Denny & Rayhill vs. J. L. Whitman	3	30

Deliver Us From Our Own Enemies.

President Roosevelt's Thanksgiving proclamation is notable for its reference to the moral condition of the country. He calls attention to our national prosperity and says while it is proper to render thanks to the Giver of Good, it is equally proper that the people should acknowledge their short-comings, and consecrate themselves to a better life.

"We are not threatened by foes from without," says the President. "The foes from whom we should pray to be delivered are our own passions, appetites and follies." There was no need to be more specific. Every man who is familiar with current events clearly understands what the President means. The passion for wealth and political power has enveloped the nation into scandals that are appalling. The appetite for high living, growing out of our accumulation of riches, leads to sensualism in its grosser form, and the combination has plunged the country into follies undreamt of by our forefathers. This is not pessimism, but truth, and it is well now and then to stand face to face with the truth.

Analyze the moral condition of your community and you will find that the folly begins in the family. The children are not receiving the attention they once did. Disobedience is no longer the serious offense it was years ago. Truancy doesn't worry the mother as it did in days of yore, and as the state has kindly taken upon itself to see that her boy or girl is in school, she washes her hands of responsibility.

Contrast conditions today with conditions of a quarter of a century ago. Trace the affairs of this country carefully and you will observe a steady decline in moral tone. With the "laws" delay and technicalities, the embosser and defaulter are shielded or escape deserved punishment. The rich to escape their just burdens of government think nothing of swearing falsely to their assessment list. The saloons are permitted to be open in deliberate violation of the laws. Thus we are growing to look upon law with disrespect. We have ordinances without number that are not enforced. The children are not blind to our indifference, and who can blame them if they emulate their elders?

Graft and bossism are wrong and should be fought by all good citizens, but in our battle against these evils we must not forget that non-enforcement of law is the hot bed in which these flowers of corruption flourish. Teach respect for the law, and then there will be neither graft nor corruption. Teach contempt for the law and anarchy will make graft and bossism look small indeed. Let us be thankful indeed for the good we have, but pray that the growing evils of the day be banished, and that each and every citizen of our blessed country be imbued with the spirit of absolute obedience and respect for the laws of land, national, state and municipal.

Will Get Busy.

Our Congressman, F. B. Fulkerson, will soon be an overly busy man. In addition to "getting on" to things at the national capital, the annual distribution of vegetable and flower seeds will begin and as there are so many farmers in his district, he will have to hustle to see that as many as possible gets a package. The Department of Agriculture will distribute 38,000,000 packages to the various senators and representatives and by the arrival of the planting season, they will try to have them distributed to their constituency.

For the past several years congress has appropriated money for this purpose. The country has been divided in six sections, with especial regard to the climate and soils. The seeds will be sent only to those localities in which their propagation and growth is believed to be especially adapted. In addition to those of the vegetable and flower varieties, the department sends out quantities of cotton, forage and field seeds to localities for which they are best suited and from which it is thought good results may be obtained.

—Tom Bridgeman, of Bigelow, who was so low with typhoid fever is now gaining some. He is now able to go visiting, having recently been up to Craig on a visit with his sister, Mrs. W. S. Thomson. When a fellow is convalescing from typhoid he usually feels as if he could eat out a packing house, and while perhaps Mrs. Thomson's supply of good things was not fully up to that of Swifts, we will wager that Tom found a "sufficiency" to entertain him for an hour or two.

FLOWERS AND SUNSHINE.

Tenth Annual Show of the Oregon Chrysanthemum Society. The Prize Winners.

The love of flowers is always a pleasing manifestation. It is a mark of the sense of the beautiful. In itself it may not denote culture, but, at least, it denotes a nature that would be capable of cultivation, while on the contrary its absence certainly betokens a lack of culture. The flower show affords an interesting study of people, as well as of flowers. Some are merely curious, others are delighted, entertained and informed by what they see. But whatever the impulse that took the crowds to the annual chrysanthemum show, last week, the large attendance, notwithstanding the miserable weather conditions of Saturday last, was most edifying. There is nothing exciting about flowers. They do not make such a brilliant display as a fairy ballet or so animated and picturesque a scene as a hunt club in full cry. But they carry a universal appeal to human nature and they attract an allegiance from mankind that begins in earliest childhood and that does not fade with the efflux of years. As a consequence there is mingled in the blood of the people who go to make up our beautiful little city, a strain of liking for flowers, and music, and for every manifestation of nature. It is ingrained and a part of the local temperament, a part with which neither poverty nor wealth has anything to do and which property or reverses cannot change.

The basic fact is Oregon likes flowers because it cannot help it. When they are shown with delightful and enchanting music, which form a part of our annual flower show, there is added to the enthusiasm a bit of pride which grows with each successive show.

This year's show of chrysanthemums was better than last—so was the music of the local orchestra. Next year's show will be better, if possible, than this one. Oregon takes an active interest in bettering itself annually, and its people keep step with the progress made. The city feels that there is no compliment due in the fact that its citizens stop long enough to enjoy the sunshine in a cloudy existence.

The tenth annual show of Oregon's Chrysanthemum Society was held Thursday, Friday and Saturday of last week, and a pleasing addition this year was the handkerchief bazaar. Big chrysanthemums, little chrysanthemums, chrysanthemums, red, white, yellow, bronzed and chrysanthemums of all colors and perhaps 30 different varieties were gathered and artistically arranged about the circuit room. The court room never before presented such an inviting and attractive interior. The effect was harmonious, soothing, artistic. The center of the room was apportioned to the handkerchief bazaar, and was decorated in chains and garlands of green and white crepe paper. From the four corner pillars of the room to the corners of the room were garlands of evergreen, fringed with hundreds of tiny yellow, white and green guards, these were added to by many incandescent lights, all of which presented a beautiful and pleasing effect. Mrs. Dungan contributed much to the decorations by using the alcove, which was decorated in Japanese, in which she made an elaborate Oriental and China hand-painting and leather display. Mrs. Minnie Moore, our florist, had an extensive exhibit of mums and house plants. The Oregon orchestra, an organization of which every citizen of our little city feels justly proud, furnished delightful music.

What would we do without the Oregon women? To them we owe so much. Their loyalty and patriotism to the town knows no bounds. In the literary field we have the Woman's Union and the P. E. O. organizations; in art, Mrs. Dungan's art studio; in music, the Oregon Orchestra; and last but not the least, the Oregon Chrysanthemum Society, that annually for the past ten years have given us such splendid flower shows.

The following are the prize winners: Largest bloom and finest pink, Mrs. Helen Weber, of Forest City. Finest yellow, Mrs. Elizabeth Kreek. Finest red, Mrs. Elizabeth Lehmer. Finest white and finest collection, Mrs. Lena Rostock.

—The brand of weather which this part of the country has enjoyed thus far in November surpasses that of the winter resorts of Southern California. Italian skies about which the poets sing would look like an ink-bedaubed picture compared with the cloudless skies of this sun-kissed valley. With the thermometer hovering about 50 degrees at noon every day, very few people have "put 'em on." The temperature for November last to the 17th was about 20 degrees above normal: 65 on the 13th and 27 on the 10th.